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13. ABSTRACT (Maximum 200 Words) This Instruction, issued under the authority of DoD Directive 5106.1, establishes the DoD Forensic Science Committee as a joint DoD committee under the provisions of DoD Directive 5105.18 (hereafter referred to as "the Committee"); assigns responsibilities to the Committee for the review and resolution of forensic science issues of concern to the DoD forensic science community and its customers, the Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations (DCIOs), and the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division; and supersedes IG, DoD Memorandum, "Criminal Investigations Policy Memorandum Number 1 - Forensic Laboratory Support to DoD," August 10, 1983.			
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SUBJECT: DoD Forensic Science Committee

References: (a) DoD Directive 5106.1, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," March 14, 1983
(b) DoD Directive 5105.18, "DoD Committee Management Program," January 18, 1990
(c) IG, DoD, Memorandum, "Criminal Investigations Policy Memorandum Number 1 - Forensic Laboratory Support to DoD," August 10, 1983 (hereby canceled)

A. PURPOSE

This Instruction, issued under the authority of reference (a):

1. Establishes the DoD Forensic Science Committee as a joint DoD committee under the provisions of reference (b) (hereafter referred to as "the Committee").
2. Assigns responsibilities to the Committee for the review and resolution of forensic science issues of concern to the DoD forensic science community and its customers, the Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations (DCIOs), and the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division.
3. Supersedes reference (c).

B. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, and the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG, DoD) (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

C. DEFINITION

Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations (DCIOs) refers to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

D. ORGANIZATION

Members of the Committee shall consist of representatives (DoD military or civilian employees) from the IG, DoD; the DCIOs; the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division; and the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The Committee Chair shall be the Commander, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, or designee.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall provide oversight of the Committee.

2. The Secretary of the Army shall establish procedures to ensure that:

a. Meetings of the Committee are held semiannually, or as necessary, to address the issues affecting forensic laboratory support to the Department of Defense.

b. Minutes of the meetings are provided to the IG, DoD, and Committee members.

c. The Committee establishes processes for monitoring fluctuations in the DoD Components and the Marine Corps forensic science requirements and of the availability of departmental and external laboratory service support.

d. The Committee shares information affecting the forensic science community and addresses issues of the DoD Components and the Marine Corps concern, with efforts toward improving criminal investigative efficiency and effectiveness.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.


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